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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4769

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

AMCONSUL UDORN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 24808

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MOPS LA TH

SUBJ: LAO/THAI MEKONG INCIDENT OF NOVEMBER 17

REF: VIENTIANE 6341

1. EMBASSY BANGKOK FULLY AGREES WITH COMMENT OF CHARGE
CORCORAN (PARA 3 OF REFTEL) THAT THIRD PARTIES WOULD BE WELL
ADVISED TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO GIVE OPINIONS ON BASIS
OF RECENT INCIDENT OR ON DELINEATION OF BORDER BETWEEN LAOS
AND THAILAND. HISTORY OF BORDER DELINEATION BETWEEN
THESE TWO COUNTRIES IS LONG AND COMPLEX, AND ANY AND ALL
OF THE RELEVANT TREATIES CAN BE DENOUNCED AS QTE COLONIALIST
END QTE OR QTE UNEQUAL END QTE SINCE THEY WERE ENTERED INTO
BETWEEN EITHER A STILL RELATIVELY STRONG FRANCE AND A
RELATIVELY WEAK THAILAND OR DURING WORLD WAR II BETWEEN
A RELATIVELY WEAK FRANCE AND A WEAK THAILAND BACKED BY
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JAPANESE MILITARY POWER.

2. CLEARLY, THE DELINEATION OF THE LAO/THAI BORDER IS
ONE OF MANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR RESOLUTION IN THE
UNFAMILIAR WORLD FOLLOWING THE DEBACLE IN INDO-CHINA
EARLIER THIS YEAR. U.S. INTEREST WOULD NOT BE
SERVED BY TAKING POSITION ON BORDER AND OTHER ISSUES.
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